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Application No.: 09/129,298

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For: THE USE OF MIXED DUPLEX
OLIGONUCLEOTIDES TO
EFFECT LOCALIZED GENETIC
CHANGES IN PLANTS

Attorney Docket No.: 7991-023-999

SUPPLEMENTAL REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Supplemental to the Reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 filed on June 6, 2001, please consider the additional remarks below in connection with the above-identified patent application. Applicants submit herewith (a) a Declaration of Dr. Richard A. Metz under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132, with Exhibit 1.

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 and 8-27 are currently pending and under active consideration. A Reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 was filed on June 6, 2001 in response to an Office Action dated December 6, 2000 in connection with the above-identified application. This supplemental Reply is being submitted to provide additional evidence that the claimed subject matter is nonobvious over the cited prior art.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-4 and 8-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly obvious over U.S. Patent No. 5,565,350 to Kmiec et al. ("Kmiec I") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,713,181 to Kmiec et al. ("Kmiec II") and U.S. Patent No. 5,204,253 to Sanford et al. ("Sanford") for the reasons stated in the Office Action dated December 6, 2000 and summarized in the Reply filed on June 6, 2001. In the Reply filed on June 6, 2001, Attorneys